## **Clarksburg Fire Protection District**

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Sent Via Email to: deltaplanscoping@deltacouncil.ca.gov

Ms. Terry Macaulay Delta Stewardship Council 980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Submission of Scoping Comments and Requests

Dear Ms. Macaulay:

This letter is written on behalf of the Clarksburg Fire Protection District (the "**District**") in order to submit scoping comments and requests in response to the December 10, 2010 Notice of Preparation (the "**NOP**") issued by the Delta Stewardship Council (the "**Delta Council**").

The District is a duly organized and operating special district which is charged with providing emergency medical and fire suppression services on an emergency basis within the geographic boundaries of the District. The District's firefighters serve on a volunteer basis. In nearly all cases where 911 calls are made requesting emergency assistance for medical or fire needs, the firefighters of the District are first responders.

The charge and mission of the District is to provide prompt, reliable, and professional emergency medical and fire suppression services to protect life and property throughout the District, and, when feasible, to neighboring districts in the Delta, to other districts in Yolo County, and to emergencies throughout the State of California. By way of but one example, the District has a strong history of answering request for aid from the State of California by providing equipment and personnel to assist the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in the form of strike teams as emergencies have arisen throughout California.

The District receives its funding from several sources. These sources historically include: a portion of county property tax, special assessments on the parcels within the District boundaries, development impact fees, funds from participation in certain mutual aid and state strike team participation events, grants, and from other sources. These sources have been stable and reliable for many years.

In order to perform its mission and continue to provide the level of services delivered in the past, the District must continue to have a stable revenue base with respect to each of its revenue streams. Should disruption in any of these sources occur, the District will likely suffer Ms. Terry Macaulay Delta Stewardship Council January 28, 2011 Page Two

and its ability to delivery emergency services may be compromised. Every form of the Delta Plan must demonstrate support for continued and reliable District sources of revenue.

As a further requirement for continued performance of its mission and provision for emergency services, the District requires the existing transportation network to be in good order and operation. Every form of the Delta Plan must demonstrate support for continued and reliable transportation routes for delivery of services.

It is also critical to note that the District occupies a special place within the north Delta community and substantially contributes to the north Delta's sense of place. The District is an integral part of the communities of the north Delta, the Clarksburg town and the Clarksburg district. The Delta ecosystem, including the people, culture, agriculture, and communities of the north Delta, and including the District's ability to execute its mission and provide services, may be severely compromised by the project and/or one or more of the alternatives of, or any component of, the Delta Plan. The Firehouse, the central location for the operations of the District, functions throughout the year as a place for community gatherings.

In order to maintain and enhance the regional self-sufficiency which has been achieved by the District and by the groups, resources and communities within the boundaries of the District and the north Delta, the Delta Plan must address, and provide for, the concerns, values, and overall sense of place in the north Delta which is unique within California.

The undersigned is not able to discern any description of a "project", or any project alternatives. Without a "project" or alternatives, the undersigned cannot fully prepare comments and requests addressed to the scoping function required by laws. Once a project and alternatives are described, the District requests renewed opportunity to comment and to offer scoping remarks.

If the Delta Council, or any members or staff of the Delta Council, have any questions, comments or concerns, the District asks for and invites these questions, comments and concerns to be promptly addressed to the District for respond.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and requests.

Very truly yours,

Mark Pruner

Chair, Board of Directors